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Resident welfare association plans to escalate issue

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The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) is struggling to meet the demand for water in HSR Layout. Residents say they are at their wits' end as no solution has been provided by the Board despite multiple complaints over the last few years.

Grappling with a severe water shortage, residents reached out to BWSSB with a final memorandum on Friday.

"We have been facing a severe water shortage for years now. Water rationing by BWSSB in the area has worsened over time, and we now receive water supply once a week. We have met the BWSSB Chairman and submitted a memorandum stating our issues and demands. If we are not heard immediately, we will take up the issue further," said Chandra Shekar HE, secretary of the Federation of HSR Layout Residents Welfare Associations.

Locals are demanding immediate intervention to solve water scarcity and other issues in the area.

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> Chandra Shekar HE, HSR Layout Residents Welfare Associations

Racing heart, reeling head

Bengaluru riders are speeding and that too without helmets — over 31 lakh cases so far

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Even as speeding cases rise in the city, data shows that many riders are not wearing helmets too. Traffic cops have registered more than 31 lakh cases against motorists not wearing helmets in this year.

This has emerged as a disturbing trend that a large segment of Bengaluru riders is riding within speed limits or wearing helmets. As per traffic police data, more than 31 lakh cases have been registered for not wearing helmets. In total, 31,40,916 cases have been registered for this offence.

Of them, 19,33,157 cases were registered for riders riding without helmets and 12,07,759 cases were registered for pillion riders without helmets. Additionally, 2,13,375 cases have been registered for not wearing seat belts.

In 2023, traffic officials registered 40,15,729 cases for riders without helmets and 13,70,218 cases for pillion riders without helmets.

Traffic cops have been detecting seven violations through the contactless medium of AI-enabled cameras. Helmetless driving is one of these seven. Other violations are crossing speed limit, not stopping at red light, stop lane, triple riding, using phones, and driving without seat belts.

Helmetless driving also constitutes a larger section of traffic violations detected.

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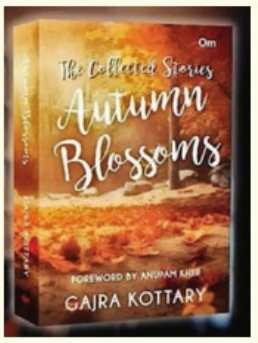
2 THINGS TO DO

01 Jazzy night

Immerse yourself in jazzy musical melodies and spend a lovely Saturday evening at MURO. Join in for a 'Jazz and Blues' musical rendezvous with the Gerard Machado Quartet, featuring Vidya Venkatraman, Gerard Machado, Jeoraj George, and Joshua Costa.
Where: MURO, Museum Road
When: July 20, 8:30 pm onwards

02 Literary gathering



Join in for a morning of captivating literary insights and vibrant discussions with "Sunday Morning With Authors." Engage in intriguing discussions with a diverse panel, including writer, editor, and columnist Shinie Antony; novelist and writer Zac O'Yeah; RJ and author Shabbeer Ahmed; novelist and poet Anjum Hasan; and award-winning screenwriter and novelist Gajra Kottary. The conversation will be moderated by Shantanu Ray Chaudhuri, Editor-in-Chief of Om Books.
Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar
When: July 21, 11 am onwards

Gurupurnima: Honouring gurus

In 1917, Yoganandaji established the Yogoda Satsanga Society (YSS), followed by the Self-Realisation Fellowship in 1920, with the purpose of disseminating his teachings on Kriya Yoga and a balanced way of life. He stressed that without the guidance of a guru, an average devotee cannot attain God. He had preached that even if a guru is no longer in physical form, his teachings remain a guiding force as he watches over his followers, responds to their calls with deep devotion, and instructs disciples on how to nurture love, peace, and joy by conquering ego-driven habits through practices such as Kriya Yoga, elevating their consciousness, and directing them towards God. On Gurupurnima, we owe the guru profound love, devotion, loyalty, and surrender. While many interpret the term 'guru' as a teacher or guide, a spiritual guru holds much greater significance. The word 'guru' is derived from 'gu' (darkness) and 'ru' (dispel), referring to one who eliminates spiritual darkness and leads towards enlightenment.

Survey to trace 'out of school' kids by July 31

Child rights activists express mixed reactions; concerns mount over survey's accuracy

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The Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department has made arrangements to conduct a survey on school dropouts in the state. The survey, in association with the education department, is expected to be completed by July 31.

The commissioner for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, in a circular dated July 18, 2024, has directed the department to identify women who passed SSLC and possess smart phones to conduct the door-to-door survey by using the mobile application developed by the Directorate of Integrated Child Development Services. The survey conducted last year found 18,461 children who had dropped out of school, despite initiatives by the government and the implementation of the Right to Education (RTE) policy.

Further suggestions

The circular stated that the authorised enumerators (two per 300 houses) selected from self-help groups (SHGs) have to identify and collect data on the school dropouts aged 6–18 years. Welcoming the decision, Nagasimha G Rao of the Child Rights Trust said, "This joint initiative is a significant step towards ensuring every child's right to education. To further enhance the impact, it's essential to involve NGOs working in schools, youth groups, and other stakeholders. Additionally, a comprehensive plan to prevent school dropouts, by addressing the root causes and providing supportive measures, will help to sustain progress and create a lasting difference in the lives of young people."

18,461 children dropped out of school in AY 2022–23

"Unless they re-issue corrected circulars, we will end up with faulty data. If so, how will we make any plans for children? – Kathyayini Chamaraj, CIVIC Bangalore

The circular has made it clear that the department has already completed the master trainer training for district project managers, assistant district project managers, and DMIs of the National Rural Livelihood Mission. These trained officers will provide training for the selected candidates to conduct the survey. The services of school headmasters and cluster resource persons are to be utilised during the training programme.

Authenticity concerns

Meanwhile, Kathyayini Chamaraj, Executive Trustee of CIVIC Bangalore, said the very subject line of the circular is wrong, as it is not meant to be a survey of only out-of-school children but a survey by the local authority (GP) to create a database of all children up to 14 years of age in the gram panchayat area as per Section 9(d) of the RTE Act 2009 and as per Rule 6 of the RTE Rules of Karnataka. "Is this error because of the wrong understanding of the RD&PR department, or are the letters from the Samagra Shikshana Karnataka and its commissioner, cited in the Circular, at fault? The Hon'ble CJ Justice Abhay S Oka had reminded them that this database had not been created by the local authority despite 10 years of the RTE Act and RTE Rules. In response to this, the government said that they would conduct the survey of children (0–18 years old) as it would be useful to have this data," she said.

Despite this, the circular states otherwise, which is a violation of the RTE Act and their own commitment to do the survey for up to 18 years. "The 0–6-year-old children are also not included. If the circular and its objectives themselves are wrong, what kind of training are they going to give to the functionaries from district-level downwards and to the SHGs?," she asked.

"Unless they re-issue the corrected circulars and conduct the training correctly, we will only create chaotic data. If we end up with faulty data and don't even know how many children are actually there, how will we make any plans for them?," Chamaraj questioned.

Docs to strike against govt's silence on stipends

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The Karnataka Association of Resident Doctors (KARD), a registered body representing medical residents across government medical colleges in Karnataka, has announced a protest due to the government's prolonged silence on their stipend hike request. Despite submitting numerous letters and attending meetings with authorities, no action has been taken on their request, leaving resident doctors in financial, professional, and personal stress, which significantly impacts patient care.

The members of KARD pointed out that the resident doctors are a vital part of the healthcare system, often working tirelessly for 24 to 48 hours without breaks. However, they feel they are not receiving the compensation they deserve. Neighbouring states regularly increase stipends for their residents, with some doing so every year and others every three years.

File photo of the previous protest for a hike in stipends in the year 2020

Some of the key concerns listed by them were low stipends and high fees for medical courses. They also pointed out the rising inflation, high living costs, and exorbitant academic fees that add to the economic strain on resident doctors. "Doctors in Karnataka receive a stipend that is 50 per cent less than their counterparts in other states. At the same time, they face some of the highest fees in the country for undergraduate, postgraduate, and super-specialty medical courses.," said a KARD member.

Excessive working hours and low compensation are leading to significant financial, professional and personal stress among doctors. One of the members said, "KARD is demanding a swift response and consideration of a stipend hike and regular increments in line with other states. The last stipend hike occurred in 2020. Resident doctors at government medical colleges across Karnataka will soon commence a protest. During this period, all non-emergency services involving house surgeons, postgraduates, super-specialty residents, and senior residents in government hospitals will be suspended until grievances are addressed."

The resident doctors pointed out that they regret any inconvenience this protest may cause to patients but believe it is necessary to ensure their voices are heard and prompt immediate action from the authorities.

Click here for trouble: Online scams see 357.6 % spike

Cybercrime cases have surged significantly in past five years. In response, government is implementing public awareness campaigns and new reporting systems

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The state has witnessed a steady rise in online fraud cases over the past five years. In 2020, there were 394 cases with ₹56,78,816 recovered and 232 people arrested. The number of cases increased by 44.7% in 2021 to 570, with ₹1,23,15,123 recovered and 221 arrests. In 2022, cases surged by 71.4% to 977, with recoveries amounting to ₹2,31,16,931 and 395 people arrested. The year 2023 saw a dramatic increase of 357.6%, resulting in 4,470 cases, ₹34,77,04,270 recovered, and 467 arrests. As of July 10, 2024, there were 182 cases with ₹1,78,18,903 recovered and 13 people arrested, suggesting a potential decrease compared to the previous year.

On the other hand, fake loan app fraud cases have also shown an alarming increase. In 2020, there were 51 cases with ₹9,82,323 recovered and 6 arrests. The number of cases quadrupled in 2021 to 209, with ₹16,49,627 recovered and 9 arrests. The upward trend persisted in 2022 with a 96.6% increase to 411 cases, ₹1,38,08,257 recovered, and 33 arrests. In 2023, cases increased by 25.8% to 517, with ₹68,87,509 recovered and 10 arrests. By July 10, 2024, there were 134 cases, ₹46,17,704 recovered, and 1 arrest, indicating a potential decrease in cases but a significant recovery amount compared to previous years.

In a recent reply to the Legislative Council regarding cybercrime, Home Minister G Parameshwara detailed the government's efforts to combat the issue. A cybercrime reporting portal and helpline (1930) have been established for the public to report cases. The report also highlights that Bengaluru has the highest number of reported cybercrime cases. The government has taken several measures to prevent cybercrime, including raising public awareness and implementing a robust reporting system.

The Home Minister said, "Cybercrime cases are being investigated and action is being taken against them. Cyber Crime police stations have been set up in each district and city to investigate cybercrime cases. The government has established a National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal, which allows the public to report cybercrime cases online. The police have been trained to investigate cybercrime cases, and cases are being registered and investigated under the Information Technology Act and the Indian Penal Code. To prevent cybercrime, various programs have been organised to create awareness among the public. The Crime Investigation Department"s Centre for Cybercrime Investigation Training and Research (CCITR) has been established to provide training to government agencies, judges, lawyers, police officers, and staff. A cybercrime investigation manual has been sent to all police stations and law enforcement agencies. Meetings are being held with bankers and police officials to prevent banking cybercrime.

> **"Meetings are being held with bankers and police officials to prevent banking cybercrime**
>
> –G Parameshwara, Home Minister

Cybersecurity awareness messages are being sent to the public through social media platforms like Facebook, WhatsApp, and Twitter. Cybersecurity awareness is being created among school and college students by visiting educational institutions. The public is being made aware of OTP, links, fake websites, and social media fraud."

Raids target 12 officials

The Karnataka Lokayukta raided 55 locations across the state on Friday, including residences, offices, and other properties of around 12 officials, in connection with Disproportionate Assets. According to sources, raids are currently ongoing at six locations in Bengaluru, two in Bengaluru Rural District, two in Shivamogga, and one each in Yadagir and Tumakuru.

Lokayukta officials have launched searches at the properties of the officers. This includes at least seven properties associated with the Director of the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) located in Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru, his residence in Banashankari, and his farmhouses in Chikkanayakanahalli and Ranganathapura, Tumakuru.

Raids have been conducted at the Bengaluru residence and properties of a municipality commissioner, the Joint Commissioner of the Commercial Tax Department, and the residences of gram panchayat presidents in Bengaluru Rural, Shivamogga, and Yadgir districts.

The properties of the Deputy Director of the Agriculture Department and Assistant Executive Engineer in Mandya District were also raided.

An official statement is yet to be issued regarding the raids and search operations. — IANS

One of the officials threw gold ornaments into his neighbour's compound when Lokayukta police raided him on Friday morning

BBMP yet to recover Rs 298 crore ad revenue

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While advertisement hoardings are illegal in the city, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) continues to earn revenue from advertisements on skywalks, flyovers and bus shelters. BBMP's advertisement department is yet to recover Rs 298.42 crore from agencies.

One of the major revenues for BBMP is through giving out advertisement rights. Spaces on skywalks, flyovers, public toilets and bus shelters are leased out for advertisement by agencies. However, according to BBMP data, the civic agency has only been able to recover 13.25 per cent of advertisement fees from these agencies from 2017 onwards.

File photo of a hoarding seized by BBMP for non-payment of fees, at Hebbal flyover

As per the report published by BBMP, 25 agencies have an outstanding amount of Rs 298.42 crore yet to be paid to BBMP. Against a total pending demand of Rs 242.64 crore, only Rs 32.15 crore have been paid by the agencies. The outstanding amount also includes 18 percent interest amounting to Rs 92.20 crore.

The issue is about 251 old bus shelters, 1,076 bus shelters, 18 public toilets and flyovers, and 43 skywalks.

As per the agreement, agencies are required to pay ground rent, service tax on ground rent, 18 per cent GST on ground rent, advertisement tax (before 2017), advertisement fee and 18 per cent GST, and interest on pending amount.

BBMP officials say that agencies have been contesting that if they pay GST they are not liable to pay the fee. "Earlier, there was no communication between the agencies and BBMP. We had to calculate the arrears. As per the agreement, they are required to pay the fee, tax and interest but they contest that since they are paying GST, they shouldn't have to pay a separate fee. However, the courts have ruled that they are required to pay. Arrears are pending from 2017 and some arrears before 2017 as well. As of now, we cannot take any action to recover the amount as the matter is still in court," said a senior BBMP official from the advertisement department.

> **"The courts have ruled that agencies are required to pay. Arrears are pending from 2017 & before as well**
>
> –BBMP official

4 kitchen gadgets simplifying meal prep for career women

From work to home, these smart appliances are lifesaver for time-savvy moms

Balancing domestic and professional lives is not a cakewalk for any woman. She is constantly expected to meet both ends like a pro. From managing morning routines to reaching the office on time, she is constantly striving to give her best in two worlds. Adopting smart ways makes it easier for every working woman to accomplish it all efficiently. This is especially true for those with kids! Here, we have four smart kitchen appliances that will provide lip-smacking meals in a jiffy!

Sandwich maker/toaster

Get one of these for an on-the-go snack or even for a healthy lunch for your kids. In a sandwich maker, you just have to place two bread slices with veggies and dressing or condiments of your choice, close the lid, and within five minutes, you are good to go with a home-made grilled sandwich! You can keep your weight under control with an oil-free breakfast or snack by using a toaster. Two slices of bread can be toasted at a time, which will consume less electricity as well as time.

Electric kettle

This kitchen appliance can be your go-to for hot beverages when you are in a hurry to leave for your office. It will boil water or your morning cup of tea or coffee within a few seconds, freeing up your time for other chores. It is more energy-efficient than a microwave or electric stovetop; its automated nature makes it a safe and smart appliance for your kitchen.

Slow cooker or electric rice cooker

With this kitchen appliance, you will come home to a delicious meal each day. Prepare your ingredients and add them to the slow cooker. Set the timer as per your recipe requirements, and voila! It can slow-cook meals from an hour to more than 10 hours. An electric rice cooker is also a good option to have when the busy days in your life can't be paused. All you have to do is add adequate water and rice to the rice cooker and let the appliance do its job to perfection while you focus on other jobs around the house. A rice cooker doesn't just cook rice perfectly; it also keeps your rice steamed and hot, as it comes with a steaming basket. Besides cooking rice, it can be used for cooking soups, beans, and stews.

Cold press juicer

Use your time and energy in an efficient manner by using a cold press juicer to serve yourself and your family with fresh juice. Owing to its low-speed squeezing technique, cold press juicer retains the natural flavour of the fruit and its essential nutrients.

–Femina

5 must-have kitchen appliances for effortless cooking

Maybe you love cooking but are too lazy to do some of the tasks; maybe you don't particularly enjoy cooking but need to do it out of necessity; or maybe you simply do not have that much time to spare. Whatever the case, this list of five appliances is exactly what you need in your kitchens to make your cooking process so much easier and faster.

Air fryer

The absolute worst thing about fried food is the process of actually frying it. It is messy, time-consuming, and sometimes scary. With an air fryer, you can skip all these woes and enjoy your favourite fried delicacies with barely any effort from your side. An added advantage is that it uses a way lesser amount of oil than a deep fryer, so it is that much healthier. From fries to nuggets, you can fry anything with it.

Hand-powered vegetable chopper

Cooking can be a lot of fun, but chopping all those veggies before you can actually start preparing your favourite recipe can be very off-putting. So, why not pull the cord, literally, with this chopper? Get those blades running and power through.

Divided skillet

Do you have a recipe that requires grilling or sautéing multiple ingredients? If so, investing in a divided skillet can be the perfect way to go. This has multiple advantages: it declutters your stovetop, helps with portion control, saves time, and, most importantly, reduces the number of dishes that you need to wash.

Garlic press

As someone very rightfully said, there can never be enough garlic! Whether you are cooking Indian, Chinese, Italian, or possibly any other cuisine, garlic will always be present in most of your recipes, and the more you add, the better. However, peeling and dicing the cloves is the most time-consuming and difficult task. A garlic press peels and dices the cloves at the same time. You just place your cloves in the space and push on the lever to get perfectly minced garlic that is ready to toss into your recipe.

Hands-free multi-purpose blender

Investing in a multi-purpose blender can be advantageous in the long run. These usually have multiple blending cups and blades to help suit your needs. You can use them to prepare chutneys, smoothies, pastes, and juices, all without much effort from your end.

–Femina

Power of choice beyond cooking

Kitchens are more than just places to cook; they are sanctuaries where we nurture both body and mind through the art of healthy cooking. In today's fast-paced world, this journey isn't just about what you cook but also how you cook it, and the tools you use can make all the difference. Join us as we explore how selecting the right cookware can elevate your culinary adventures to new heights of health and flavour!

Stainless Steel Cookware

Imagine cookware that not only enhances your cooking but also ensures your food remains pure and free from harmful chemicals. Stainless steel cookware does just that! Its durable, nonreactive surface guarantees even heat distribution without any toxic leaching. For those seeking innovation, German-engineered HexaRidge technology merges stainless steel with non-stick, delivering both ease of cooking and peace of mind.

Cast Iron

Known for imparting essential iron into your meals, cast iron cookware enriches food quality and promotes healthier cooking. Whether you opt for the classic heavy weight, the modern lightweight, or the innovative enamelcoated variants—ideal for durability and ease of use—cast iron ensures your meals are cooked evenly and retain their natural flavors. Just be mindful of your iron intake, especially if health conditions require moderation. It's a timeless choice for those who cherish wholesome, hearty meals!

Triply pressure cooker

It is an ally in your quest for enhanced efficiency and taste. By harnessing steam to cook ingredients swiftly while preserving nutrients and flavours, it revolutionises meal preparation. From tender meats to perfectly cooked whole grains and millets, pressure cookers excel as versatile one-pot wonders.

Knives

Every chef knows the importance of a good set of knives. Sharp, well-balanced blades not only expedite food prep but also ensure safety and precision. Whether you're a novice or a seasoned cook, investing in long-lasting, high-quality knives transforms cooking into a seamless, enjoyable experience.

Cooking techniques

Steaming vegetables is one of the healthiest methods of cooking, as it preserves most of the nutrients. Baking, grilling, and roasting are also excellent techniques that use minimal oil compared to frying.

In your journey towards healthy cooking, make mindful choices when selecting ingredients. Opt for healthier fats and lean meats to reduce your saturated fat intake and limit your consumption of fast foods, processed meats, pastries, and pies. Invest in cookware that can ease your cooking process. The path to mastering healthy cooking is more than just following recipes; it's about being mindful in the kitchen. So, whether you're revamping your kitchen or starting fresh, remember: healthy cooking is an art, and you hold the brush. With the right tools and a dash of creativity, your culinary journey awaits.

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Lake restoration held up despite CSR funds

Restoration efforts delayed due to ongoing surveys; garbage dumping continues to worsen situation; Kithaganur panchayat residents frustrated by lack of progress

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Despite a recent Bhoomi Pooja marking the start of its restoration with corporate social responsibility (CSR) funds, work on the neglected Kithaganur Lake has not yet started. Panchayat officials have blamed the delay on ongoing surveys with the tahsildar to address encroachments. Meanwhile, residents are disheartened by the continuous dumping of garbage around the lake, which has marred its condition even further.

Residents had hoped for a swift restoration following the Bhoomi Pooja but have instead seen the lake area become a dumping ground.

The Panchayat officials have clarified that the persistent dumping is not by the Kithaganur Panchayat itself but by residents from nearby localities and meat shop owners who dispose of waste at the lake regularly.

A Panchayat official explained the situation, stating, "Every day, we clean the garbage thrown into the lake, but by the next day, more trash appears again. Despite deploying marshals, people are coming during the night and throwing the garbage. We have been actively cleaning the area, but despite our efforts, residents continue to dump waste."

Garbage dumped by residents around the Lake

The official highlighted the funding shortage, stating, "We are also in shortage of funds. However, we aim to make a positive impact on the lake and hoped that the CSR funds from the project's Rs 1.8 crore budget would facilitate its restoration. Currently, a survey is being carried out to check on the encroachments. The public should be obedient and not dump the trash wherever they feel like and spoil the water body."

> **"Every day, we clean the garbage thrown into the lake, but by the next day, more trash appears again** – Official

In a recent incident, residents noticed a calf had fallen into a sump at Kithaganur Lake. Fortunately, Panchayat officials arrived promptly with a rescue team to save the calf and plan to close the slab of the sump to prevent such accidents in the future. Despite these efforts, the sentiment among residents remains one of frustration and disappointment.

"We just hope the long-neglected lake sees some light of hope with the restoration project. We have been seeing it in a bad condition for many years and it's disappointing," a resident expressed.

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Log cleanup
Bannerghatta

After a recent storm, forest department officials uprooted a tree and cut it into pieces. The wooden logs are still scattered on a vacant site at Bannerghatta Road, 2nd Main, Samrat Layout, Arakere. Residents urge authorities to clear the site promptly.

Work unfinished
Cox Town

Despite a year of complaints, unfinished work near a school on Charles Campbell Road, Cox Town, remains incomplete, and the office responsible has been relocated.

No more holding onto seats; BMTC road fixes underway

Improvements are underway at Kempegowda Bus Station, both drivers and commuters are showing their appreciation for efforts

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With the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) authorities taking measures to improve the condition of the roads at Kempegowda Bus Station, many BMTC bus drivers and commuters have appreciated the effort. They noted that the white topping of the roads, especially the entry and exit roads of the Kempegowda Bus Station, was long overdue and had caused significant inconvenience to both BMTC bus drivers and commuters.

Bangalore Mirror published a story titled "Bumpy Bus Ride" on June 14, detailing how the roads at the entry and exit points of Kempegowda Bus Stand are significantly dented that bus drivers struggle to navigate and passengers find it hard to hold onto their seats. It may be recalled that while the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Assistant Executive Engineer (Gandhinagar) claimed the roads do not fall under the BBMP's jurisdiction, BMTC Managing Director Ramachandran R has said he would look into the matter. Currently, BMTC authorities have begun white-topping a section of one of the exit points, and the work is underway.

BM report on June 14 highlighted severe road damage at Kempegowda Bus Stand

Development of the road at the exit of Kempegowda Bus Station is in progress

"I am happy with the authorities commencing the white topping work. I hope the work will be completed in a few days," said Krishna, a BMTC driver.

Appreciating the BMTC authorities, Praveen Kumar, a BMTC commuter, said that it would be useful and convenient if the authorities asphalt the road connecting Dhanvantri Road and Gubbi Thotadappa Road, which is full of potholes. "I appeal to the BMTC authorities to prioritise filling the potholes if they do not have the time or funds to asphalt or white-top the entire stretch between Dhanvantri Road and Gubbi Thotadappa Road," said Praveen Kumar. Manjunath R, a BMTC commuter, has stated that the BMTC authorities are not giving enough attention to the Kempegowda Bus Station. "I want the roads to be in good condition to avoid inconvenience for BMTC bus drivers and commuters," he said.

Biking is the new passion and fashion in the city

Riding through the lush greenery and winding roads, escaping urban hustles is therapeutic and trendy nowadays

Bengaluru's scenic routes encourage bikers to escape the city life over weekends

Every weekend, one can see hundreds of people on their bikes on the highways. These are the bikers who prefer to go on long drives on weekends. While some of them plan to travel long distances, there are others, who travel for a distance of 100 to 150 kilometers for sipping coffee or eating breakfast. Navya S, a biker said, "This Sunday, I have decided to drive till Mulbagal which is at a distance of 100 kms from Bengaluru to try out the famous Mulbagal dose at the authentic shops located in Kolar district. It is really fun to drive out of the city as it gives not just the thrill of driving but also fun of exploring new cuisine."

During recent years, riding has emerged as a passionate and fashionable pursuit among Bengalureans. With the city's burgeoning traffic woes and the quest for adventure, more and more residents are embracing biking as a lifestyle choice. This trend is fuelled by the combination of scenic routes around Bengaluru, the sense of freedom biking offers, and the community spirit that has grown around this activity.

Anant Krishna, who heads a biking community said, "One of the primary reasons for the rise in popularity of long drive biking is the sheer joy and sense of liberation it provides. Biking enthusiasts often speak of the unmatched experience of hitting the open road, feeling the wind against their faces, and exploring new destinations. Additionally, it's not just about the destination but the journey itself. From the serene Nandi Hills to the picturesque roads leading to Chikkamgaluru, there's no shortage of beautiful landscapes to explore. These routes provide bikers with a much-needed break from the urban hustle and bustle. Infact, the routes around Bengaluru are a biker's paradise. Riding through the lush greenery and winding roads is therapeutic."

The rise of biking as a fashion statement is another aspect of this trend. "High-end biking gear, stylish helmets, and custom motorcycles have become symbols of status and style among the city's youth. It's about expressing yourself and standing out. Moreover, community and camaraderie play a significant role in the popularity of long riding. Biking clubs and communities foster a sense of belonging and provide a support system for bikers. It's like being part of a family that shares your passion", said Vinutha D, a regular biker.

> **"Social media is flooded with clippings of bikers showcasing their rides and adventures** –Vinutha D, biker

The bikers stress that safety is a paramount concern, and many are adopting stringent safety measures to ensure a secure riding experience. "High-quality helmets, protective gear, and adherence to traffic rules are becoming standard practices among responsible bikers. Moreover, organised biking groups often conduct safety workshops and training sessions to educate members about safe riding practices. It ensures that we can enjoy our rides without compromising on safety. On the other hand, the rising popularity of long riding has given a significant boost to the local economy. Motorcycle dealerships, biking gear stores, and repair shops are witnessing increased business. Local businesses, including hotels, restaurants, and roadside cafes, are seeing a rise in customers due to this trend", said Amit Kumar, a biker.

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Industry leaders highlight need for affordable housing support, GST rationalisation, and infrastructure status to rejuvenate market

Budget 2024-25: Renewed hope for real estate sector

As the Union Budget 2024-25 approaches in July, the real estate sector eagerly anticipates policy changes under the Modi 3.0 regime. Expectations are high for tax reliefs and other measures to boost sentiment and support industry growth. The future trajectory of the sector hinges on robust infrastructure deployment, crucial for enhancing urban living standards and developing emerging areas.

Industry status for housing sector: A long-standing demand

Anuj Puri, Chairman of Anarock Group, stated, "One of the foremost expectations from the upcoming budget is the grant of industry status to the entire housing sector. This status would potentially streamline operations and attract more investments into the housing market. It remains to be seen if the government will finally address this long-standing demand to stimulate growth across the housing spectrum."

Reviving affordable housing: Post-pandemic challenges

Puri mentioned that the Indian housing sector has witnessed a buoyant period in 2024, marked by increased housing sales and new launches in the top seven cities. However, the momentum is predominantly skewed towards mid-range and premium housing segments. The affordable housing sector, crucial for addressing the housing needs of lower-income groups, continues to face challenges. According to ANAROCK Research, the share of affordable housing in overall sales has declined significantly post-COVID-19, underscoring the urgent need for targeted interventions. Measures such as tax breaks for developers and buyers are imperative to revive this segment.

Strategies to revitalise Affordable Housing

Credit-linked subsidy scheme under PMAY

The revival of the Credit-linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) is critical to incentivise first-time buyers of affordable homes across urban centres. This scheme, previously effective in promoting homeownership among Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) and Low-Income Groups (LIG), needs reinstatement to spur demand in this crucial segment. Experts suggest that to stimulate supply in the affordable housing segment, the government could consider reintroducing the 100% tax holiday benefits provided under Section 80-IBA of the Finance Act, 2016. This measure would encourage developers to focus on constructing affordable housing projects, thereby increasing the availability of budget-friendly homes.

Definition adjustment for affordable housing criteria

Revising the criteria for defining affordable housing is another critical step toward widening the scope of benefits to more buyers. The current definitions, based on property size, price, and income criteria, need adjustment to reflect city-specific market dynamics.

Rationalisation of GST rates for under-construction properties

The real estate sector advocates for a rationalisation of GST rates on under-construction properties, currently pegged at 12% without input tax credit (ITC). Lowering GST rates or reinstating ITC would enhance the affordability of under-construction homes, thereby boosting sales and benefiting homebuyers.

Single-window clearance system

Introducing a single-window clearance system for real estate projects is crucial to reduce bureaucratic delays and improve ease of doing business. Such a system would streamline approvals and clearances, accelerating project timelines and fostering investor confidence in the sector.

Extension of tax benefits

Experts believe that enhancing tax benefits under Section 24(b) (interest on home loan) and Section 80EEA (additional deduction for interest on home loans for first-time buyers) would make homeownership more financially viable. Increasing deduction limits under these sections would incentivise more individuals to invest in real estate, particularly in affordable housing.

Promoting green and sustainable housing

Promoting green and sustainable housing through tax incentives and subsidies would encourage environmentally responsible practices in the construction sector. These incentives could include tax rebates for developers adopting eco-friendly technologies and for buyers investing in energy-efficient homes.

Granting infrastructure status

Granting infrastructure status to the real estate sector remains a critical demand to facilitate access to cheaper funding and streamline regulatory processes. This status upgrade would enhance project viability and attract greater investments into the sector, Puri added.

Strong sales for luxury housing segment

The luxury housing segment in India saw a significant surge in sales during the January-June 2024 period, with approximately 8,500 units sold compared to 6,700 units in the same period last year. Delhi-NCR, Mumbai, and Hyderabad led this growth, accounting for 84 per cent of total luxury housing sales across the top seven cities. Pune also witnessed a remarkable increase, with demand growing nearly six-fold to 1,100 units.

Delhi-NCR led the market with 3,300 luxury units sold, a 13.8 per cent year-on-year increase. Mumbai followed with 2,500 units, marking a 13.6 per cent increase, and Hyderabad sold about 1,300 units, reflecting a 44 per cent rise.

Pune's sales of 1,100 units represented a significant 450 per cent increase. Overall, the luxury segment (units priced at INR 4 crore and above) registered a 27 per cent year-on-year increase in the first half of 2024.

The April-June 2024 quarter saw a similar trend, with a 40.1 per cent year-on-year increase in luxury housing sales, totalling around 4,410 units compared to 3,150 units in the same quarter last year. Delhi-NCR, Mumbai, and Hyderabad remained the dominant markets, while Kolkata experienced a notable two-fold increase in luxury sales.

Several factors contributed to the heightened demand for luxury housing, including affluent buyers seeking enhanced amenities and spacious living areas, the rise of the aspirational class, and increased interest from NRIs and astute investors.

The preference for high-end units by leading developers is expected to continue, driven by buyers' evolving expectations regarding developer reputation, execution, and financial capability. Mumbai also led in sales with a 30 per cent share, followed by Pune at 18 per cent and Delhi-NCR at 15 per cent.

Anshuman Magazine, Chairman & CEO of CBRE India, South-East Asia, Middle East & Africa, highlighted a positive outlook for the housing market for the remainder of 2024. Factors such as favourable home-buying sentiments, and significant land acquisitions by developers are expected to maintain the market's momentum.

The luxury housing segment is projected to thrive, driven by buyers seeking properties that align with their affluent lifestyles. Capital value growth in this segment is expected to stabilise, with a focus on quality, location, and infrastructure access.

North B'luru to get a transit hub

3.7 km green line extension from Nagasandra to BIEC nears completion with final construction touches underway

North Bengaluru is set to receive a major transit hub, with the Karnataka government directing the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) to transfer 45.5 acres of land in Hebbal to the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL). This land will be used to build a multi-modal transport hub featuring a multi-level car parking facility, a state-of-the-art depot, and various other amenities. Although BMRCL has already secured 55.1 acres in Hebbal for this project, construction has not yet started. KIADB initially procured the land but the project did not materialise. BMRCL has now agreed to cover the projected Rs 550 crore land acquisition cost. The transport hub will be developed along a 32-kilometre stretch from JP Nagar 4th Phase to Mysore Road and will include three metro lines: blue, purple, and red. The project is expected to be completed soon.

Naveen Hanumantu, a real estate developer, highlighted the benefits of the Hebbal transit hub for North Bengaluru residents. He noted that Hebbal, a rapidly growing area and gateway to Doddaballapur and Chikkaballapur, requires improved connectivity due to its increasing residential, commercial, and industrial activities. The hub is expected to alleviate the heavy reliance on private vehicles, which contributes to traffic congestion.

By integrating buses, metro services, and suburban trains, the hub will offer reliable transport options, reduce congestion, and shorten commute times, thus enhancing overall productivity and accessibility within Bengaluru.

Nanda Gopi, another real estate developer, emphasised that the transit hub will boost North Bengaluru's economic development. Improved infrastructure will attract businesses and investors, foster job creation, and support local commercial activities. The hub will also benefit logistics and supply chain sectors by providing efficient transport solutions, which will lower costs and improve delivery times.

Additionally, it will enhance residents' quality of life by improving access to essential services such as healthcare, shopping centres, and recreational facilities.

–Prakash VL

Bengalureans betting big on sandalwood farms

Now, many Bengalureans are investing in sandalwood farms as it turns out to be a promising venture for several reasons. "Firstly, sandalwood is a high-value crop, renowned for its fragrant wood and essential oil, which are in constant demand globally for use in perfumery, cosmetics, and traditional medicines. The economic returns on sandalwood are substantial, with mature trees commanding premium prices. Secondly, the long-term nature of sandalwood farming offers stability and sustained income. While the trees take around 15 to 20 years to mature, the investment pays off significantly once they are harvested. This makes sandalwood farming an attractive option for investors seeking long-term growth and wealth accumulation. Moreover, the cultivation of sandalwood is environmentally beneficial. Sandalwood trees are known for their ability to thrive in arid conditions and contribute to soil conservation. They also support biodiversity by providing habitat for various species," said Sumanth Gowda, a farm owner, adding that investing in sandalwood farms combines high economic returns, long-term stability, environmental benefits, and supportive government policies, making it a highly attractive and secure investment opportunity.

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11 Indira canteens reopened today

Tussle between BBMP and contractors continues, but civic agency says talks were held to iron out payment trouble

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The tussle between caterers and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) continues as 11 Indira canteens which were shut due to non-payment of dues have now been reopened.

The BBMP stated that these 11 canteens in the south zone were reopened on Friday. Despite the BBMP's earlier statement that all canteens were operating smoothly, media reports revealed the closure of these 11 canteens. The authorities have now ensured that the canteens are functioning again, offering subsidised meals including breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

A BBMP official said, "Indira canteens, a flagship initiative of the Karnataka Government, have been successful in providing affordable and nutritious food to the citizens, particularly the poor and needy. The reopening of the canteens in the BBMP area is a positive development for the community." The caterers alleged that BBMP had failed to settle outstanding payments amounting to Rs 40 crore, leading to the closure of the canteens on July 18, 2024. "To address this issue, the authorities have appointed marshals in each Indira canteen to oversee the quality and quantity of food served. Based on the daily reports submitted by the marshals, the payment to the contractor has been adjusted."

Suralkar Vikas Kishor, Special Commissioner (Health) added, "As per the agreement with the contractor, the organisation concerned is responsible for paying the water and electricity bills. A meeting was held on July 18, 2024, under the chairmanship of the Chief Health Officer with the representatives of the organisation concerned and the South Zone Health Officers. In the meeting, all the issues were explained to the organisation's representatives, and they were instructed to reopen the 11 Indira canteens that were closed temporarily. If such incidents recur in the future, legal action will be taken, and alternative arrangements will be made."

Media reports disclosed that 11 canteens were closed, despite BBMP claiming that all canteens were functioning

> **"All issues were explained to the organisation's representatives, and they were instructed to reopen the 11 Indira canteens** –BBMP

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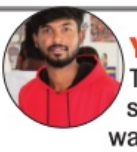
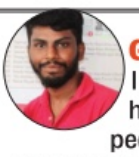


Yashwanth, BM Reader
The sense of community in Basavanapura is quite diverse and warm. By organizing more events or creating shared spaces, we can encourage more interactions among residents. This could lead to a closer-knit community.

Rajesh, BM Reader
In Gottigere, the sense of community is quite strong and diverse. People from all walks of life come together to form a vibrant and supportive community. There's a strong culture of helping each other, strenthening community.

Shailaja, BM Reader
In Chikkakammanahalli it's a wonderful community with a supportive neighbourhood. The community is filled with a lot of diverse people. People share diverse languages and cultures, but we have a common culture of humanity.



Gajendra, BM Reader
I live in the JP Nagar neighbourhood. It feels like a big family. The people here are known for their supportive and helpful nature. It's a place where neighbours look out for each other, always ready to lend a hand when needed.

Jagdish P, BM Reader
Hommadevanahalli is known for its pleasant environment and easy access to transportation. The area is safe and secure, making it a great choice for residents. Although it has a rural feel, it offers all the necessary amenities.

Venkatesh, BM Reader
Hulimavu is a residential locality known for its strong sense of community. The area is home to a diverse population, fostering an inclusive community. The locality is well-equipped with schools, supermarkets, hospitals, etc.

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Global Microsoft outage: Airline services affected, netizens say 'early weekend'

The ongoing global outage of the US tech giant Microsoft has affected millions of users across the world, including in India, where airlines and airport services are majorly hit.

Millions of Microsoft Windows users are experiencing the "Blue Screen of Death" error that causes their computers to shut down or restart.

The company said it is due to a recent update of American cyber security company Crowdstrike. It cited a "configuration change in a portion of its Azure backend workloads" as the primary reason.

The outage led to an interruption between storage and compute resources which resulted in connectivity failures that affected downstream Microsoft 365 services dependent on these connections, the company noted.

In India, operations of major airlines like Indigo, Vistara, Akasa, Spicejet, and Air India ops, as well as airport services were affected, and the Bengaluru Airport issued an advisory for travellers. Delhi Airport services were also "temporarily impacted". "The Microsoft / CrowdStrike outage has taken down most airports in India. I got my first hand-written boarding pass today," a user wrote in a post on the social media platform X.com.

Globally, several airlines and banks were hit by the service disruptions.

The South China Morning Post reported that an IT breakdown has left the international airport in Hong Kong in "chaos".

Australian broadcasters like Channel 10, ABC, and Sky News Australia were down. The UK's London Stock Exchange reportedly suffered an outage, while in the US Alaska state, the emergency 911 lines have gone down.

Meanwhile, netizens celebrated the outage by sharing various humorous posts and memes on social media X.com and thanked the tech giant for an early weekend.

"Thank you @MicrosoftIndia for letting us feel an early weekend. Kudos," said a user. **IANS**

Cauvery water comes just once every 4 days

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by 40 MLD to meet the growing demand due to new residents and commercial establishments. We have requested BWSSB authorities to visit the area on Saturday and address these issues, failing which, we will start the protest," added Chandra Shekar.

Currently, HSR is getting Cauvery water supply once every four days, sometimes extending to once a week. Locals have highlighted that water supply in neighboring areas like BTM Layout, Madiwala, and Koramangala are on alternate days.

Residents also allege inconsistent communication from BWSSB engineers with various reasons for the delay, including water shortage, main supply line damage by other agencies, and power supply interruptions. They say water allocated for HSR is being diverted to other areas due to a lack of follow-up and maintenance.

"We are also facing health hazards due to long-term neglect of sewage clearance. Outdated sewage lines that were laid during the formation of the layout are now insufficient due to the increased number of residents, leading to frequent chamber overflow. Some sewage chambers are buried under cement surfaces, making them inaccessible, and sewage water is flowing into stormwater drains instead of being properly managed. Moreover, illegal sanitary connections have been installed, but BWSSB has not conducted checks," said another resident of the area.

No response to RTI

Members of the federation also allege that although they filed multiple RTI applications with BWSSB months ago, they have not received any response. "In March this year, we filed multiple RTI applications. We wanted to get information regarding the number of connections sanctioned in the area by BWSSB, the frequency of water supply, present allocation of Cauvery water, total revenue collected by the Board for water collection, etc., but our requests have not been acted upon. There are more than 25,000 houses in the area, and new commercial and residential establishments are being sanctioned regularly despite the water shortage," said a member.

Residents informed BM that the majority are surviving on tanker water, which is proving costly. "We are paying about Rs 1,200 for smaller tankers (4,000-litre capacity) and nearly Rs 1,800 for tankers delivering 6,000 litres. Since BWSSB water supply is minimal, we end up getting water tankers at least twice a week," said a resident.

Helmetless riding accounts for 68% of total violations

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It constitutes 68.16 percent of total violations. In total, traffic police detected 46,07,877 cases as of June 2024, 89,99,379 cases in 2023 and 10,4,49,571 cases in 2022.

Traffic cops say that they are planning special drives soon. "We are planning special drives. There has been reduced enforcement due to diverting personnel for managing heavy traffic. We have also added AI cameras to catch the offenders. However, the public needs to realise that helmets and safety belts are worn for their safety. There should also be a reduction in speeding in the city," said a senior traffic official.

Mobility experts say that there is a need for stringent action against helmetless riding. "Traffic officials conduct raids for a few days and penalise the offenders. But to address the issue, there should be more stringent punishment. In case of multiple offences, the vehicle should be seized. There should be an escalation of punishment to act as a deterrent. In countries like the US, people don't violate the laws due to fear of penalisation.

Not only do offenders get hefty fines, but insurance companies refuse to pay compensation in case of accidents without helmets. There is also a threat of licence being cancelled and the provision for cancellation must be mulled over by our traffic cops too," said MN Sreehari, mobility expert.

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I, DINESH DEVASAGAYAM MACAULAY PRABAHARAN alias M DINESH DEVASAGAYAM, S/o Macaulay Prabaharan, resident at #29 Rehoboth Villa,9 A Cross Sankalpa Residential Layout Phase 4, Horamavu, Kalkere, Bengaluru-560043, have changed my name as DINESH DEVASAGAYAM, vide affidavit dated 19.07.2024, sworn before notary S. Subashini, Bengaluru.

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Flirty message overdose — Actress Kate Hudson shared that celebrities did not hesitate to send her flirty messages when she decided to take a break from relationships in her thirties. "I like to flirt, which is why I had to go through a year without flirting," she said

FLIPPING FIT

Disha Patani stuns with double back-flip in new workout video

Bollywood actress Disha Patani, known for inspiring fans with her intense workout routines, has once again stunned her followers with a new display of strength, stamina, and flexibility.

Taking to her Instagram account on Friday, Disha shared a video where she performs back-flips with remarkable precision, showcasing her exceptional fitness skills.

Along with the video, the 'Yodha' actress added a motivational caption: "One step at a time."

Meanwhile, on the work front, Disha was last seen in Kalki 2898 AD co-starring Prabhas, Amitabh Bachchan, Deepika Padukone and Kamal Haasan among others.

Directed by Nag Ashwin, the post-apocalyptic film is inspired by Hindu scriptures and set in the year 2898 AD.

The film is a mythology-inspired sci-fi extravaganza set in the future. Before the release of the film on June 27, the makers organised a grand event in Mumbai.

During the event, Big B shared his working experience in the film and how he felt after listening to the script. He also appreciated the director of the film Nag Ashwin for coming up with such a great concept.

He said, "Nagi came and explained the idea of Kalki 2898 AD. After he left, I thought, what the hell is Nagi drinking? To think of something like this is absolutely outrageous. Some of the visuals that you have seen just now are unbelievable. To have somebody conceive a project that is so futuristic is amazing."

"No matter what Nag Ashwin thought of, he actually got all the material and effects to match his vision. It has been an amazing experience working for Kalki 2898AD which I will never forget," Big B added.

Actors Vijay Deverakonda, Dulquer Salmaan and Mrunal Thakur have cameos in the film.

—ANI

Guest of honour

Superstar Ram Charan will be the Guest of Honour at the 15th edition of the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) and will be feted with the Ambassador for Indian Art and Culture for his contributions to cinema.

The ten-day festival, which will begin on August 25, will also host a retrospective of his iconic films, celebrating his remarkable journey in the film industry.

Ram Charan, who is the son of megastar Chiranjeevi, expressed his gratitude, saying: "I am deeply honoured to be a part of the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne that celebrates the diversity and richness of Indian cinema on an international platform."

The star says it is an honour to represent Indian films globally. "It's a privilege to represent our film industry and connect with fans and cinephiles from across the globe. The success of 'RRR' and the love it received worldwide has been overwhelming, and I am thrilled to share this moment with the audience in Melbourne. I look forward to this opportunity..." he added.

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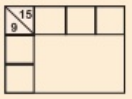
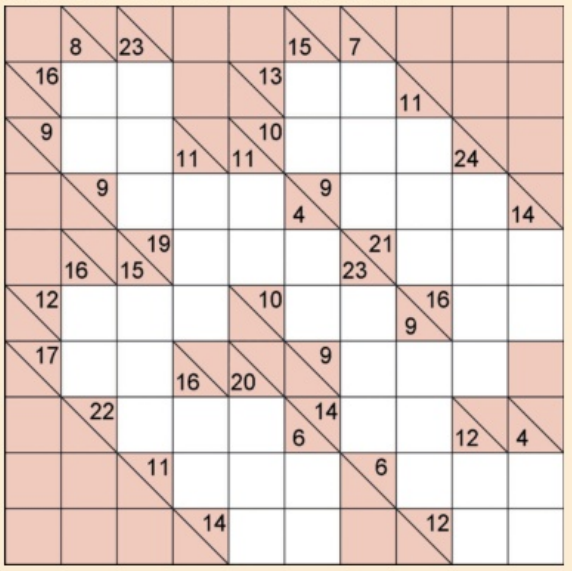


The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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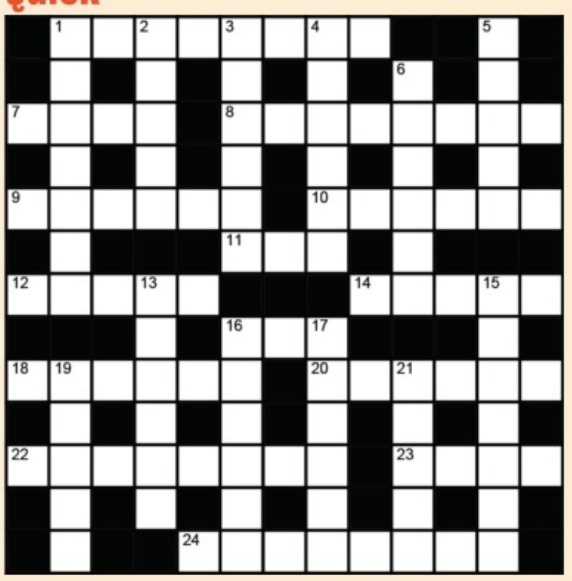


ACROSS

1 Adages (8)
7 _ ___ it : I understand this (1,3)
8 Where in Karnataka Shiravati River drops 253 meters (3,5)
9 Defective (6)
10 Boorish; loutish (6)
11 Tiny drink (3)
12 Set amount of work (5)
14 Card game (5)
16 Australian bird (3)
18 Frightens (6)
20 Secured with brad (6)
22 Indefatigable (8)
23 Keen and eager (4)
24 Improving or rectifying (8)

DOWN

1 Colourful parade (7)
2 In base 8 (5)
3 Has a good time? (6)
4 Main tent in circus (3,3)
5 Spindles, revolving shafts (5)
6 Severe scolding (6)
13 Fibres that convey feelings (6)
15 Emotion (7)
16 Regard highly (6)
17 In agreement or concord (6)
19 Reprove (5)
21 Indian cricket's ___ Trophy (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: F EQUALS O

EFB WVYYFO LF V CXYLYJII OFF IFFY, ZFN EFB YJTJN CYFM DFM IFFY XO MXPP HJ OFF PVOJ.

Linemaro

Wanna feel my sweater? It's made of boyfriend material

Mindchow

It is better to deserve honours and not have them than to have them and not to deserve them

Joke of the day

Customer at bookshop: Ma'am, where is the self-help section? Saleslady: If I told you, it'd defeat the purpose

Loop

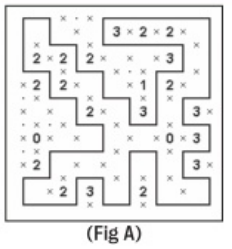
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

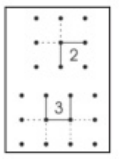
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

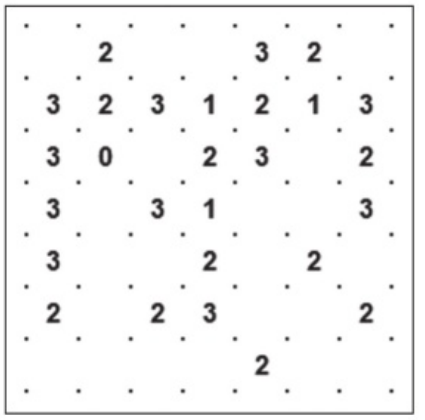
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



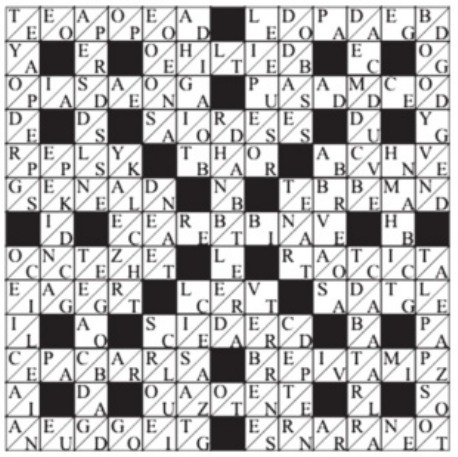
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



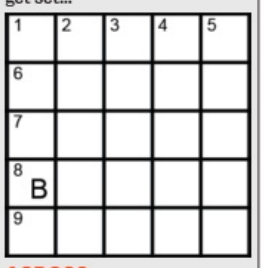
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Is cod; 6 Up NIH; 7 Re rum; 8 Burin; 9 Gesso

DOWN

1 M buds; 2 I rune; 3 H rugs; 4 Coir I; 5 Peons

Mensapuzzle

Here is an alphametic that will give you the keys to the big picture. Let C=5, T=4 and E=8

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  PINE
+ TREES
 CONES
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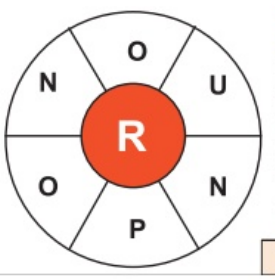
Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

01 Average; 02 Good; 03 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		5	1		4	2		
			6		2			
1		8		9		6		4
	9	6				8	5	
		3				7		
	5	7				9	3	
6		2		1		4		3
			2		8			
		4	3		9	1		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

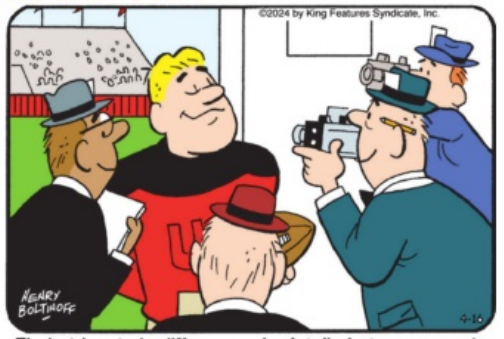
Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 10
2 4 5 7

Medium = 7
2 5 9 9

Hard = 19
2 4 5 4

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

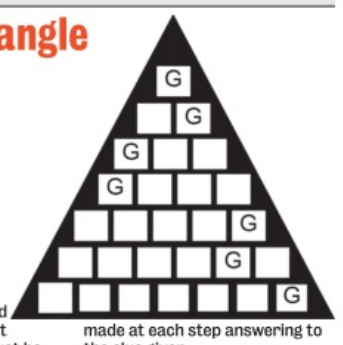
Differences: 1. Ear is missing. 2. Pencil is added. 3. Hat is larger. 4. Pocket is moved. 5. Tie is missing. 6. Camera lens is missing.

Riddler

A Donkey is tied to a rope 6 feet long and there is a bale of hay 8 feet away. How can the donkey get to the hay if he does not bite or undo the rope?

Alpha triangle

1 Gram, abbr.
2 Insp. Gen.
3 Enlisted troops
4 Crux
5 The Police singer
6 Tightfisted
7 Salon activity



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye

NOBODY IN SPINACHOVIA KNOWS ANYTHIN' ABOUT THEIR KING BLOZO!
THE PHONE COMPANY AN' POST OFFICE SEZ THEY NEVER HEARD OF HIM!
HOW KIN A WHOLE COUNTRY FERGIT THEIR KING ?
?
HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN SO BLASTID STUPID IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO FERGIT HIM!
10-25

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

SNEAK OUT OF THE APARTMENT AT 1 A.M., AND SHARI AND I WILL MEET YOU AT THE FRONT.
WE'LL WALK TO CATHERINE STREET AND 10TH TO MEET THE OTHERS.
BRING SAFETY GOGGLES AND WEAR COMFORTABLE SHOES IN CASE WE HAVE TO RUN.

Crankshaft

I JUST FOUND OUT THAT I'VE BEEN ACCEPTED AS AN AUTHOR AT THE OHIOANA BOOK FESTIVAL!
SO IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO BE COMPETITORS.
COLLEAGUES!
OF COURSE!
I'M SORRY... I'M AFRAID THAT COMPETITION IS MY DEFAULT FACTORY SETTING!
4-16

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, your hard work may pay off in terms of success. You may also plan to go on a short work-related trip. Your subordinates may support you in implementing your business plans. Your opponents may praise your hard work. You may hear good news in terms of siblings.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may be busy on the work front, which may make you tired, so you may not be able to spend proper time with your family. You may be able to create some overseas networks as well. You should be careful in terms of investments. Natives in the job may get promoted.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
You are blessed by the moon today; you may expect to hear some good news in terms of your profession. Domestic life is likely to be full of joy. You are advised to avoid making arguments about worthless topics. Overexcitement may test your patience. You can make important decisions when making investments in real estate. Students will be focused on their studies.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may have good vitality and inner strength. You may be able to make good plans and implement them efficiently. But you are advised to carefully read documents before putting a signature on them. Due to being overly enthusiastic, you may invest some capital in family businesses.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, the situation is under control. Your destiny is likely to be with you in terms of business gains. You may get some rewards for your hard work. It may be a good time to reinitiate your postponed projects. You may expect peaceful religious travel. You may also plan to donate some amount to any religious place or to some charity.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may feel dull, but somehow you are likely to get back to your work. You may pay extra attention to your kid's academics. You are likely to be in a winning position against your enemies and opponents. Investors must be careful when making difficult decisions. Job seekers may find a suitable job.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today is not a good day. You may face anxiety and restlessness. You may waste your precious time doing worthless tasks. You may also plan to visit some religious place to seek peace of mind. You may get some advice from your elders, which may show you some direction on how to manage this messy situation.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may be able to control your expenditures on worthless stuff. You may likely plan to invest capital in the business. You may invest your savings in a real estate project, which will boost your financial health in the near future. You may be polite with others. You may be able to focus on domestic affairs, but your spouse may become upset or have some health issues.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may find negative vibrations around you, which may make you unhappy. You should avoid making investments in worthless assets. You may notice that friends may not be supportive today. So you should not expect more from them for help; otherwise, it may make you more upset. You should make independent decisions today.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, socially, you will re-establish your network, which will give you benefits in the near future. Natives related to glamour, art, and fashion will plan to do something new in terms of their profession. Students will perform better today in terms of study. Lovebirds will enjoy their happy moments.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, your moon is not in a good position, and you may have health issues. You may face losses in the business or in investments. It is advised not to invest in business, as your gains will be converted into losses. So you are advised to stop making investments in worthless objects. You should also avoid being involved in controversies; otherwise, it will pull you down negatively.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may feel dull, and you may face obstacles in your work. Quick decisions in business are not advisable today; you should keep your patience when making investments. You are likely to spend money on worthless stuff, which may make your family unhappy.

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BULL'S EYE
poor, pour, PRONOUN

STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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QUOTE UNCODE
You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.

RIDDLER
The other end of the rope is not tied to anything!

FAST FIVE

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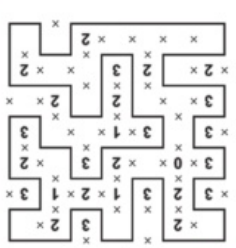
9	3	1	2	4	8	5	6	7
5	7	4	3	6	9	1	2	8

ALPHA TRIANGLE
G, IG, GIs, GIst, Sting, Stingy, Styling.

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 – 4 + 2 + 7 = 10
Medium
2 + 9 + 5 – 9 = 7
Hard
4 x 4 + 5 – 2 = 19

LOOP



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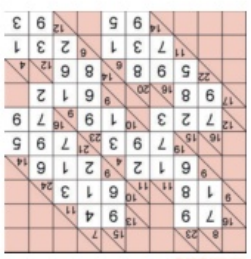

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